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MINUTES

Virtual Council Meeting of May 14, 2019

Attendees (all on-line) – David Manuta, Steve Duerr, Richard Goodman, Koki Doshi (newest member) and Joe Porcelli.

Proxies – Charlie Leonard

Meeting called to order by President Manuta at 7:01 pm EDT.

There was some discussion regarding whether we had enough online plus proxy for any votes, but it was decided that we are under the new constitution and thus with five, we have a quorum.

The proposed agenda was approved, as moved by Porcelli and seconded by Goodman. The minutes of the previous meeting were attached to this meeting's announcement. They were accepted, after a motion by Goodman and second by Duerr.

Treasurer Duerr reported that with our newest members Kokila (Koki) Doshi and John Miller, we now have 34 members.

Porcelli asked for a copy of the obituary for Peter Hay for the next newsletter.

President's remarks – next focus will be getting us ready for the ChemShow. Manuta described the history of our participation at the ChemShow for our new member, Doshi.

In addition to the ChemShow, Manuta explained the importance of increasing participation of members, and finding back-ups for long-term active members.

We discussed Teller's Report which was sent out by Manuta by email, and Duerr pointed out that we need a hard copy sent to him via USPS. The report shows that we had needed 18 votes, and we received 21. Moreover, all were affirmative, so the process is complete and the new constitution went into effect on May 13.

It was recognized that we needed to populate the slots of six councilors, with councilors serving for three years with staggered terms. However, to start the procedure we need two to serve for one year, two for two years, and two for three years. All councilors will be allowed to serve an additional three years after

their terms expire. A Nominating Committee was set up with Porcelli as Chair, and Goodman, and Duerr as members, and Manuta as ex officio member. It is the first task to find out which members are willing to serve as Councilors. Porcelli will develop a membership list with email addresses and phone numbers, and will send it to committee members. Duerr reminded all that this information is on the website.

Programming Chair Goodman confirmed that all is in place for our June 11 GoToMeeting Presentation on Mars. Porcelli stressed the importance of publicizing enough to get a good audience. Goodman said the list of those who voted on the constitution would be the target for attending, and that he would contact them appropriately.

Regarding other possible presentations for the future, Goodman said he would be making a talk at the forthcoming ACS meeting in Washington, DC (actually at Reston, VA) on June 13. He would consider making that presentation for a GTM perhaps in September.

Newsletter Editor Porcelli said that the next issue would be sent out about the end of June, and that he would be asking for contributions of articles in the next few weeks. Duerr reminded us that we should highlight our new members. Porcelli explained that he and Leonard put together short items on New Members, but we also like any of our consultants to write an article describing their practices.

Manuta asked Duerr whether Webmaster Leonard had any further comments on his search for a possible new webhost. Duerr and Porcelli reported that Leonard seemed to be satisfied with the status quo for the moment.

Porcelli agreed to send out copies of our two brochures to newest members Miller and Doshi.

The next business GTM will be on June 18.

A motion to adjourn was made by Goodman, and seconded by Porcelli. The meeting was closed at about 7:50 pm EDT.